

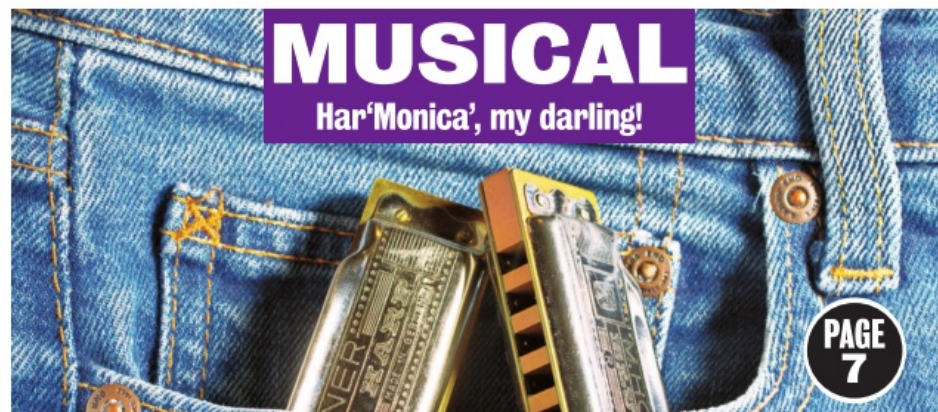
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'150 pangolins illegally trafficked in Karnataka between 2018 and 2022; scales that may be of 129 animals seized'

EPIC SCALE OF WILDLIFE TRADE

1,203 pangolins unlawfully captured across India during 5-year period

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Karnataka recorded the second highest number of pangolins trafficked illegally in the country between 2018 and 2022, according to the latest report from TRAFFIC and WWF-India.

As per the report that analysed pangolin seizures in India, 150 animals in Karnataka were involved in illegal wildlife trade in the aforesaid period whereas pangolin scales equating to 129 pangolins were also seized.

The highest number of seizure incidents at 74 and the number of pangolins seized at 154 were reported from Odisha.

The numbers were deduced through seizure data of pangolins and their derivatives available through open sources for 2018 to 2022 period.

Experts said the numbers do not reflect reality as these are only a part of the illegal trade. If wildlife trade is active, only a fraction of those get caught and reported. They are of the view that while enforcement is a

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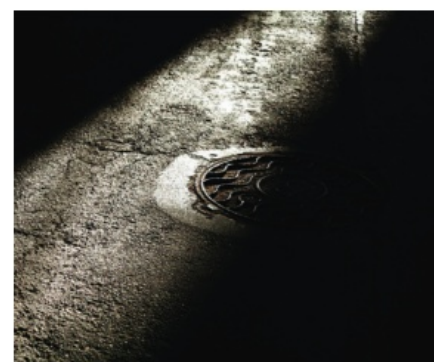


Some officers, instead of acting against such mafias, have made it their mission to chase and harass NGOs, researchers, and activists who seek to share information of wildlife crime...

— Praveen Bhargav, trustee, Wildlife First

Dig deeper than data

Dip in manual scavenging deaths may not indicate decline in practice



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There has been a dip in manual scavenging deaths in 2022 when compared to the 2021 data. According to the Karnataka State Commission for Safai Karmacharis records, zero deaths were reported in 2022, but this might not be indicative of the decline of the practice itself.

Just two weeks ago, Dilip Kumar Jana from Odisha and Ravikumar from Tumakuru allegedly died while cleaning a Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) in an apartment near Konanakunte Cross. The case has not been registered yet.

Year 2021 saw seven manual scavenging deaths. Among the seven, 57% took place in Bengaluru. The others took place in Kalaburagi and Mysuru districts. In the past 15 years, 90 labourers have lost their lives to manual scavenging despite its prohibition.

While human rights activists and the government have taken initiatives to stop manual scavenging, it continues to take place today. The demeaning and illegal act often leads to the death of the sanitation worker engaged in it. Without proper gear and exposure to high levels of methane gas, entering the sewers can be fatal. The Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and Their Rehabilitation Act, 2013, says that any worker engaging in manual scavenging for exceptional cases need to be provided with at least 44 types

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Collage time



Check out "Create Collages" workshop at Bangalore Creative Circus with artist Namitha Hebbal. Her collages mostly depict surreal scenes set in dreamscapes. During the workshop, she will walk you through an introduction and brief history of collaging as an artform, explain the entire process of making analogue collages and also share some tips and tricks.

Where: Bangalore Creative Circus, Yeswanthpur
When: February 19, 11 am – 12:30 pm
Info: 95916 68282



02 An electrifying performance

India's biggest multi-genre music and lifestyle festival is all set to flare its musical wave after 3 years. With a vast range of pop culture-defining experiences and performances, adding to the excitement, especially for the folks in Bengaluru is UK's breakthrough pop-star and Psycho-hitmaker Anne-Marie and Nigerian singer and Love Nwantiti fame Chukwuka Ekwani aka CKay's electrifying performances at India's electronic city at Vh1 Supersonic Mainstage Bengaluru. Both Anne-Marie and CKay are performing in India for the very first time, so don't miss out!

Where: Bhartiya City, Kannuru
When: February 24, 4 pm onwards
Tickets: gosupersonic.in

03 Art show

Catch a special art show by artist Sundaresan Jagannivasan, popularly known as Jagan. His pieces in the show Urban Cosmic Connect are bold, out-of-the-box expressions of his own thought processes expressed in an abstract and original way.



Where: Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath
When: Till February 19, 11 am – 7 pm



Auspicious moment

Devotees offer prayers at Gavi Gangadeshwara Temple and Shivoham Shiva Temple on the occasion of Maha Shivratri on Saturday

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The black mirror junkies

At parent-teacher meetings, mobile phone addiction is most common complaint by parents; habit causing them to perform poorly in exams

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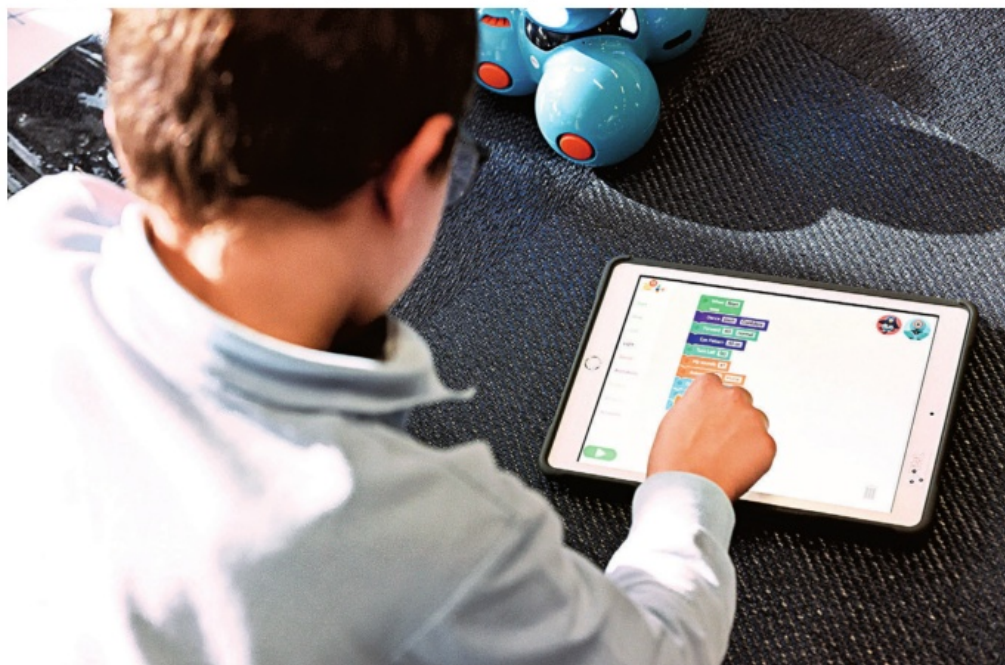
Once upon a time, when gadgets were not as intrusive as they are today, at parent teacher meetings, teachers would mostly list inattentiveness in class as a student's weak point. Today, the situation is slightly different and parents complain that the kids are addicted to mobile phones at home and this was affecting their lifestyle.

A first-grade school teacher said, "During a recent PTM, I was surprised to know that around 90 per cent of the parents who turned up for the meet had complaints that their children are always addicted to mobile phone and they wanted me to give a stern warning in class."

"When I asked a section of parents as to why certain students were losing interest in studies and scoring less marks, the parents had complained that the kids were hardly interested in taking up textbooks but were only glued to their mobile phone screens."

According to National Achievement Survey (NAS) 2021 data, Bengaluru kids score big in mobile phone addiction. As per the data, 73 per cent of kids (till grade three) had access to mobile phones, the numbers grew to 79 per cent (in grade five), 70 per cent (in grade eight) and 88 per cent in grade 10. Overall, in Karnataka, the accessibility of gizmos ranged from 66 per cent to 76 per cent.

Avinash Gowda, a parent said, "When we were kids, we were constantly told by our



Online classes and the pandemic has worsened the screen addiction in kids, say parents

parents not to watch TV. These days, we are finding that kids are hardly interested in watching TV but are hooked on mobile phones. One of the reasons could be that mobile phones give them the power of watching video on demand. Secondly, mobile phones are quite handy and kids can watch them in any posture."

Devika R, another parent, added that during online class days, kids were encouraged to use mobile phones so that they can manage their classes. However, the same addiction has continued now. Many of the kids are also becoming obese due to lack of physical exercise. Though we are pushing kids to go out and play, many prefer to stay inside with mobile phones.

Parents say that children are increasingly suffering from obesity, eye infections, and are socially distant

Thirdly, kids are also reporting eye problems due to constant watching. "As we are unable to convince the kids, the only option is to complain to teachers," she said.

The School Education Department was also planning to implement mobile-free days in schools where students have to stay away from gizmos for a day.

Recently, School Education Minister Nagesh had said, "Our latest challenge is to bring stu-

dents back to playgrounds as students are addicted to playing mobile games and have forgotten how to play physical games. In fact, the addiction of mobile phones has turned out to be a social evil. It is definitely a challenge to bring students back to the field." Child rights experts have also asked parents to keep an eye on their children, asking them to stay away from social media as they have been receiving a lot of complaints related to reel addiction.

It may be noted that a village in Athani taluk bordering Maharashtra had banned the usage of mobile phone and TV for kids between 7 pm to 9 pm every day to promote bonding and also encouraging kids to have more social interactions.

E-waste piles up behind BBMP office

Yelahanka Old Town residents have been watching the growing pile with great concern

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For Yelahanka Old Town residents, Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) is setting a great example in e-waste disposal. If you follow BBMP's lead, all you have to do is dump e-waste in the back and hope no one notices. But residents of the area have noticed as the pile of e-waste behind the BBMP office grows larger.

The residents told BM this has been happening for over a month now and still there is no effort to clear it. Rishabh K, a resident of the area, said, "The waste has been gathering here for a very long time and still no one has made any effort to clear it. Though it is happening behind the BBMP office, the officials don't care."

Some residents said seeing the pile, people too get encouraged to dump e-waste there. Another resident who wanted to remain anonymous

said, "With every passing day, this dump has been getting bigger and bigger and still, nothing has been done. It is after all a government office and the officials should be responsible to make sure that the premises are clean."

Some people also mentioned this can be quite dangerous for the children in the area. Asha Kumari, another resident of the area, said, "There are a number of children in the area and keeping the waste unsupervised can be dangerous to them. Some of the kids will be curious and tamper with it. It must be cleared off as soon as possible."

The residents are also wary of the health hazards of the electronic waste. Hemanth Ashok, another resident of the area, said, "Electronic waste can be toxic and since they are non-biodegradable they must be disposed of in a proper manner. If these are burnt in the open, the toxic fumes will affect us all and cause health problems."

A BBMP official told BM they would take steps to clear out the waste soon.

2 stabbed to death after parking fracas at cricket tournament

In a tragic turn of events at a cricket tournament held ahead of the Shivaratri festival, two youths were stabbed to death by a group of people who had come to watch the match.

The incident took place on Friday at the Karnataka Public School ground in Doddabelavangala village on the outskirts of the city. The deceased have been identified as Bharath Kumar (23), an engineering graduate, and Prateek (17), a pre-university student.

According to police officials, the youth were stabbed by four men over an argument on parking their four-wheeler inside the playground. The accused had come to watch the cricket match and were trying to park their vehicle in the ground when some of the spectators and organisers objected to it.

With the argument escalating, the accused and their car were attacked. The two victims were not involved in the fight, a police official stated.

However, the accused who fled the scene later accosted Bharath and Prateek, who clad in T-shirts provided by the tournament organisers, were waiting at a bus stop. The accused repeatedly stabbed the two youths and escaped from the spot. The victims were rushed to hospital where they succumbed to their injuries. The accused have been identified and special teams have been formed to apprehend them, the police stated.

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Never-ending issues on Nandidurga Road

After bad roads being fixed, locals are now dealing with encroachment of footpaths

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The stretches in and around Nandidurga Road were in a terrible condition for years. In 2022, they were tended to and the area received a makeover with footpaths being fixed. However, a new problem has surfaced for residents in the area now - footpaths being encroached upon.

The pavements are shabby and construction debris like jelly stones and mud are strewn around them. One can even come across cement bags scattered around the area. The residents pointed out that fruit and vegetable vendors are occupying the stretches and some are even setting up stores to sell toys and such items.

A resident of the area, Chitra, said, "Regarding the bad roads, we had followed up closely with the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) officials and MLA Rizwan Arshad. They did a good job fixing the stretch and it is now a smooth road. However, another problem has come up now where the footpaths are being taken up for selling merchandise or dumping debris. People are finding it difficult to walk here. Many senior citizens have to walk on the busy main roads despite footpaths being present."

Another resident, Aalya T, told Bangalore Mirror that the whole idea of constructing a footpath was for people to walk safely on it. The stretch is quite busy with a number of vehicles commuting to Mekhri Circle, RT Nagar, Yeshwantpur, Hebbal, Palace Road, and other places.



Other than being used by vendors to sell fruits, vegetables, and toys, the pavements are being used by agencies for dumping debris

Now, with debris being dumped by some agencies, the pavements are in a bad state, she said. They are also reportedly getting on the road, which can be risky for commuters, especially two-wheeler drivers who can skid over the same while riding.

Residents said that they have

urged BBMP officials to clean up the place and ensure that encroachments are removed, but no action has been taken so far.

"We have spoken to the BBMP officials, but they haven't taken any action on the ground. We are worried that the road will turn into a

BBMP officials haven't taken any action on the ground. We are worried that the road will turn into a mess like it was earlier. We want to maintain this stretch now

—Chitra, resident



Cart attack

MKK Main Road



A vendor has been parking his cart here and blocking walkers in MKK Main Road, Mariyappanapalya, Rajajinagar 2nd stage.

Garbage dumped

Maruthi Sevanagar



Garbage is being dumped for many months on a daily basis below Maruthi Sevanagar bridge. It is not being cleaned.

City folks try out traffic management

Bengaluru's traffic woes may be increasing, but there is also a growing interest among citizens to manage the same. From college students to techies, many are now taking up traffic management on a voluntary basis by becoming traffic wardens.

Nalloor Narayan (Deputy Chief, Traffic Warden Association) said, "Being a police officer was my dream. I always wanted to wear the uniform and associated the job with pride and honour. However, I never got an opportunity to do so. I applied for this organisation in 2005 when I saw an article in the newspaper calling for volunteers. Being a part of the Traffic Warden Organisation makes me feel like I am a part of the police force in a way. This organisation is a great example of the contribution of the common public towards the greater good of the society. Not only do we prevent the violation of traffic guidelines, but we also provide edu-



(From the left) Nalloor Narayan, Sindu Nagraj, and Harshitha S are proud to be a part of the Traffic Warden Association team

cation on road safety in various schools and colleges."

For a few citizens, being a warden runs in the family. Sindu Nagraj, a techie, said that she started volunteering for the organisation in 2022. Both her parents are also traffic wardens and she has been following their footsteps. "I have seen the

amount of hard work traffic wardens put in to ensure the safety of citizens. I have seen them sacrifice family time too. Additionally, being a woman traffic warden is not everyone's cup of tea as most of the recipients take our advice for granted. When we are on the road, we receive looks from passers-by, especially

men." Women police officers, she said, are inherently not respected by the general public. However, she hopes this changes for the better.

Even college students are now manning roads. Harshitha S, an MBA student, wants to serve India and its citizens by being a part of the organisation. "I am one of the youngest people in the organisation. I want to be able to come up with modern ideas to implement traffic rules and bring about a change in the way people perceive Bangalore's traffic. Being a woman officer in this male-dominated profession makes me feel great and I hope that I am able to encourage more women to volunteer," she said.

Govind Rajan KS, who has been a part of the organisation for 27 years, says that he feels happy knowing he can give back to society and do something for the well-being of others. He also called the organisation a great example of 'public-private partnership'.

—Navya Aggarwal

Traffic trouble

Kumara Krupa Road



Police vans parked outside the CM's office inconveniencing traffic on Kumara Krupa Road.

Extend him an offer, he cannot deny?

Man comes up with innovative and 'mobile' methods to make sure his resume is noticed

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While visiting Bengaluru, Aman Khandelwal came across the idea of displaying his curriculum vitae (CV) in a unique manner in the streets of Bengaluru. He said that the

unconventional style of his resume helped him get a number of interviews lined up.

Aman, who is originally from Jaipur, Rajasthan stayed in Bellandur from February 10 to 15.

"Bengaluru is the hub of startups, so that is the reason why I chose this place to flaunt my CV. Previously I was working in equity research. However, I resigned from there and was looking for a new place to start work. Coincidentally, at that point of time I was in Bengaluru and it was at that time that the idea of having a unique CV struck me," he said.

This was not the first time Aman had come up with a creative CV. Last year he had dressed up as food deliv-



Aman Khandelwal used a truck in Koramangala to display his CV

ery personnel and delivered his CV in a box of cakes to different startups.

"The CV with the food delivery was last year when I was in Bengaluru.

To be honest, it was inspired by a similar incident in the USA. For that I printed out a t-shirt belonging to the food delivery company and attached my CV in a pastry box and delivered that to three to four startups," he explained.

There were positive responses as well. At that time, he was looking for a role as a management trainee or an associate product manager (APM) role in a good organization, he added.

He was aware that having such a quirky CV might land him in some trouble as well. However, he was still willing to give it a shot.

"There are recruiters who do not entertain such resumes, but my thinking was in this current scenario and

job market where layoffs are quite frequent. I needed to come up with something catchy and unique," he informed.

The idea of putting his CV on to the truck came after his first stunt.

"I found the truck in Koramangala and then used it for my CV. The response through that has been quite well. I have three interviews lined up. One is from Bengaluru, another is from Chandigarh and third is from Gurugram. I am quite optimistic that I would secure one of these jobs," he further added.

In the future, if another such quirky idea of distributing his CV strikes, Aman would definitely execute it.

Scars of absolute horror

After shocking acid attack, gender activists make demands: raise awareness about such lethal substances; focus on mental health of men, compensate victims

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A brutal incident of acid attack took place in Ramana district where a youth attacked a minor with acid because she rejected his proposal.

The man has been identified as Sumanth, 22, who was working as a mechanic. At present, the accused has been arrested and the victim is being treated at the Minto Hospital, Bengaluru.

The minor was allegedly doused with acid by Sumanth on Friday night when she was walking near Narayanappa Lake, said the police.

The young man, who arrived there on a bike, allegedly stopped the girl and was forcing her to acknowledge his feelings for her. Following that, the accused threw acid on the girl's face and fled the scene. The girl has sustained injury in her left eye, and reportedly, she might lose her eyesight.

In accordance with the POCOA Act, Kanakapura Town Police have registered a case and are investigating the matter.

According to Minister Halappa Achar, the girl suffered injuries on her back, shoulders, and eyes as a result of a chemical (thinner) attack. The government wouldn't



"We are not even aware if all the cases of violence against women are being truly reported or not"

— Mamata Gamana, a women's rights activist

tolerate such actions.

This incident has brought the focus on if the selling of thinners should also be regulated along with the acid.

Gender researcher Paati says that there is a need to create awareness among the sellers as well as buyers.

"These things are freely available in the market, from thinners to

harsh toilet cleaners that can burn skin. It's not possible to ban every single one of them, but a certain level of awareness is required among the sellers and the buyers. When it comes to cases of acid attacks, the biggest question comes down to accessibility and availability of the acid in the market," she said.

We need to create awareness

even among the manufacturers and sellers, and educate them that certain protocols should be followed before selling these, she added.

"The other thing is that there needs to be more discussion on mental health and what goes inside a person's mind that they commit this crime. Encouraging conversations about men's mental health might help in curbing such crimes and reducing incidents where they commit such heinous acts," she explained.

In the recent state budget, the CM announced that the monthly pension paid to victims of acid attack survivors has been increased from Rs 3,000 to Rs 10,000.

According to Mamata Gamana, a women's rights activist, along with compensation, the government needs to provide social security of education and jobs to the victims.

"We are not even aware if all cases of violence against women are being truly reported or not. There is a need for law enforcement and the government to take strict measures. Just compensation will not help the girl; the government has to deliver justice and social security to the victim. There needs to be an assurance from the government's side that the girl is getting proper education and further a government job," she said.

IIMB secures 100% placement for 512 students

Beating the recession blues, the Indian Institute of Management Bangalore (IIMB) saw 606 offers with all 512 students placed over two interview days during the lateral and final placements for the Post-graduate Programme (PGP) and Post-graduate Programme in Business Analytics (PG-PBA) classes.

Kapil Kukreja, Placement Representative at IIMB said, "The placements were driven primarily by consulting and product management roles. Strategy consulting continued to be the most sought after role among the students, followed by general management and product management."

Offers were received despite a slow-down in the market, informed Debolina Dutta, Chairperson, Career Development Services, IIMB.

Consulting companies made 221 offers led by Accenture with 32 offers, followed by Boston Consulting Group with 26 offers.

"This season also witnessed the participation of companies from overseas locations like Europe, Dubai and Singapore with offers across consulting, finance and business strategy roles," explained Bhagyaxami, Manager, Career Development Services, IIMB.

Conglomerates recruited for their leadership tracks making 86 offers in general management positions. Students opting for sales and marketing roles received 67 offers and were recruited by major consumer goods firms. The analytics sector rolled out 35 offers in total.

—BMB

Election poster war: Conveying it with flowers

Intensifying its election campaign in poll-bound Karnataka, the Congress on Saturday launched a 'poster war' against the BJP by pasting 'Kivi Mele Hoova' (flower on the ear) on BJP posters in Bengaluru and Dakshina Kannada.

The campaign was pursued aggressively a day after Congress MLAs tucked flowers on their ears inside the Assembly to show their protest against the unfulfilled promises made by the ruling BJP.

Flower on ears is a symbolic state-

ment in Kannada, which means making someone a fool.

The Congress stepped up the 'Kivi Mele Hoova' campaign by taking it to the streets now, the party said in a statement.

"Posters of 'Kivi Mele Hoova' are seen on the top of the BJP 'Achievement Wall' paintings and posters in many parts of the Bengaluru city and Mangaluru this morning," it added. The Congress' Karnataka unit on Friday had attacked the BJP government for failing to fulfill 90 per



Congress on Saturday launched a 'poster war' against the BJP

cent of its 2018 manifesto promises and also for utilising only 56 per cent

of allocated funds of the 2022-2023 budget, the statement said.

Former chief minister and Congress Legislative Party leader Siddaramaiah, Congress state president D K Shivakumar and other Congress MLAs sported flowers on their ears to highlight that BJP was making people 'phool' out of people, it further added.

The 'Kivi Mele Hoova' is a pamphlet showing flowers tucked on the ear pasted on BJP posters.

These posters were seen on

Jayamahar Road in Bengaluru and Kankanadi in Dakshina Kannada district, a Congress activist said.

Reacting to it, Union Minister for Coal and Mines Pralhad Joshi said the Congress has realised that people will put flowers on their ears.

"Congress leaders went to the Assembly putting flowers on their ears. They have the realisation that people are going to put flowers on their ears. Already people have done the same to the Congress across the nation," he said.

—PTI

STORY BEHIND THE PHOTO

IN THE LAP OF NATURE

A red-wattled lapwing on the banks of Doddakallasandra Lake

The picture was clicked by BM reader **Sambhav CS**



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Blame the litterbugs in Shanthala Nagar

Accumulation of garbage on Brunton Road irks residents, they urge BBMP to maintain regular waste collection

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The residents of Brunton Road, Shanthala Nagar are fed up with garbage being thrown on the road. However, they want none other than the residents of the area to take responsibility and stop littering the premises. The residents say that keeping the area clean is their duty as well. Hence, they should take preventive measures to stop their area from getting dirty.

Shanti S, a resident of the area, told Bangalore Mirror that the road has been filled with garbage. "Every other day the heap of garbage is only increasing. I have personally seen people walking on that road and throwing plastic bottles or plastic bags in that heap of garbage. It is highly irresponsible of them," she said.

Other residents added that this heap of garbage is also spoiling the entire look of the area. "It is one of the main roads, and because of all the garbage there, the entire look of the area is getting spoiled. It is a good locality, but the garbage dumped in the middle of the road tells another story," said Rajnish



The heap of garbage is in the middle of the footpath and is blocking the walking space for the pedestrians

Kumar, another resident.

"The heap is in the middle of the footpath and is blocking the walking space for all pedestrians. Something must be done soon because if this continues, the situation will soon get out of hand," he informed. According to Kaushik Rajput, another resident, the garbage can attract dozens of disease-causing insects and rodents which will spread harmful diseases all over the area.

"There are a lot of kids and senior citizens staying here, and all of their health will get affected because of the irresponsibility of people. They should understand that it is their area, and they should try to maintain it

rather than making it dirtier," he said.

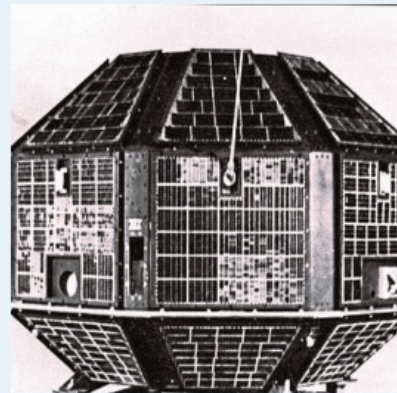
Many residents also blamed the irregular waste collection by the authorities.

"The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) should be regular at collecting waste," another resident told BM.

"I remember our local garbage collector had stopped collecting garbage because of some dispute and people at that time had to keep garbage at their homes for a few days," he explained.

Meanwhile, a BBMP official said, "We will look into it and see whether garbage collection is happening or not."

DID YOU KNOW?



Aryabhata, India's first satellite was assembled at Peenya. 20 scientists from Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) worked in metal sheds made in the industrial part of the city to build the first unmanned earth satellite from scratch. Later, the satellite was launched by a rocket made by Russia. In April, 1975 Russia had launched the satellite into space. It is said that in 1968, Father of the Indian Space Programme Vikram Sarabhai who was heading the space programme had asked Indian scientist Udupi Ramachandra Rao to plan out the development of satellite technology in the nation. After which, in 1969, Rao came up with a team of 20 scientists to assemble the satellite in Bengaluru. Those days Peenya looked much more of a deserted land rather than the industrial place it looks today.

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Who are your icons from the city and why?



Gopinath S, BM Reader

The favourite and inspiring icon from Bengaluru is Rahul Dravid, completely selfless and honest, he has the principles of dedication and honesty leading him to success which I admire the most. He continues to give back to sports.



Ravi Srinivasan, BM Reader

My icon from Bengaluru happens to be Dr Devi Shetty, the founder of Narayana Hrudalaya, which is of gold standard for cardiac treatment. She is simple, kind, compassionate and an excellent heart specialist. She is also a good orator.



Sandhya Srinivasan, BM Reader

The most inspiring icon from the city is Narayana Murthy, he founded the legendary Infosys. It is known well about his merits and achievements through his dedicated hard work and simplicity.



Ramya Sridhar, BM Reader

My inspiring icon from the city of Bengaluru is none but Kiran Mazumdar Shaw, the former chairperson of IIM, Bangalore and now the founder of Biocon as well as the executive chairperson of Biocon Biologics Limited.



Saurabh Govil, BM Reader

My most inspiring icon from the city of Bengaluru is Basava the great Indian philosopher, statesman and social reformer. He fought against the caste system and spread awareness through poetry called Vachanas.



Sonia Govil, BM Reader

Akka Mahadevi is the most inspiring icon from Bengaluru and was the leading figure of Veerashaiva Bhakti Movement of the 12th Century AD. She contributed a lot to Kannada Bhakti literature. People call her 'Akka' or sister.

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Har'Monica', my darling

In conversation with Saitejas Chandrashekar about his highs and lows with the harmonica as he tries to navigate an uncharted course

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Words are powerful, they can inspire or dishearten. They can linger on for decades in one's mind. That is also the story in the case of Saitejas Chandrashekar, our protagonist for the day. Today he is a well-known name in Carnatic music circles in Bengaluru, but more so for his love of harmonica. This was fueled by two instances. The first one is where he played a few kritis or compositions on the harmonica in a competition at Vani School, Rajajinagar, and was told by a judge and senior musicologist to stick to vocal music and not bring 'this dirty instrument into our music'. "That word was very harsh and I still remember the incident to this day. I kept wondering how and what makes a musical instrument dirty, probably it's your perception which is. I took it up as a challenge and decided to perform a full concert on harmonica," says Chandrashekar.

The second instance is a one which usually happens post interval in a movie. Chandrashekar represented his college at the HS Murthy memorial competition where he won the first prize for playing harmonica and the judge Dr. Meenakshi Ravi announced on stage that he was given the prize not because he played well but because he tried something new. What rains to a sapling sprouting from concrete slab can be, this was to Chandrashekar.

He was now preparing a thesis in chaos theory, in a manner of speaking. How does a boy who picked an instrument from a vendor in Goa decades ago go on to bend the conventional with it? The fact that he was learning Carnatic vocals since he was about six served as a foundation for this. Back then he started by playing Twinkle Twinkle

Little Star and other compositions. Until 2003, Chandrashekar only made an occasional cameo with his harmonica, but after one bitter and another sweet incident, he decided to make the harmonica his trusted aide.

In 2006, he started experimenting with whatever he had learnt as part of Carnatic vocals on the harmonica. This was the year in which he also gave his first musical concert with the harmonica at the Vani School of music of which he was an alumnus.

He later uploaded this to a platform called e-snips and little did he know that the ripple effect was in motion. The clips he uploaded were heard by Abe Thomas from Suzuki harmonicas who not only met Chandrashekar and gifted him a harmonica, but introduced him to Brendan Power, a legendary harmonica player. "Power tuned the harmonica in an Indian raga called Mayamalavagowla and sent it to me, and that was a god send. When he was in Bengaluru, he spent an

entire day teaching me how to tune a harmonica. It showed me that this is possible and really works. I could make it more authentic sounding I was able to produce on raga tuned harmonica. I started playing more hardcore Carnatic ragas such as Reethi Gowla or Ananda Bhairavi. That gave me even more scope to be accepted as a Carnatic harmonica player in the Carnatic scene itself," says Chandrashekar.

The result of this was that in 2009 Chandrashekar gave a full-fledged Carnatic music concert for two and a half hours with the traditional Carnatic music setup, making him possibly the only person playing Carnatic music on the harmonica. "Initially lot of people voiced their displeasure and were saying this is not for Carnatic music but later the same people gave me opportunities in their own Sabhas to perform. Of course, there are limitations, but the limitation is with the human being and not the instrument, and this is a continuous learning process," adds Chandrashekar.

The music teacher in him also wanted to create a legion of harmonica players. Sharing an interesting anecdote about this, he says, "A decade ago, I started my first workshop for kids in a school where I was working. I had advertised that harmonica would be given as part of the fee and people came up to me and were like you are going to give us a huge harmonium for an economical course fee! I had to tell them the difference between a harmonica and a harmonium."

What began as a summer camp in school with 15 students juggernauts into a group/trust called Hamsanada, with over 100 students learning harmonica currently. From teaching beginners to having concerts, the group today does it all. It is also one of the largest harmonica ensembles in the country. Chandrashekar's youngest student was a nine-year-old whereas his oldest student is 85, who is learning the harmonica currently. Covid also prompted Chandrashekar to relook at things and take his classes online, which erased the physical boundaries that existed earlier.

"Everyone can pick up the harmonica even if you aren't musically trained. Through harmonica, we teach music itself hence it is also called an educational music instrument. It's affordable, portable and easy to play. One could buy a harmonica for as low as Rs. 500 to begin with. I teach students and when they work on their own, they later become my colleagues and we discuss harmonica and play at shows," says Chandrashekar.

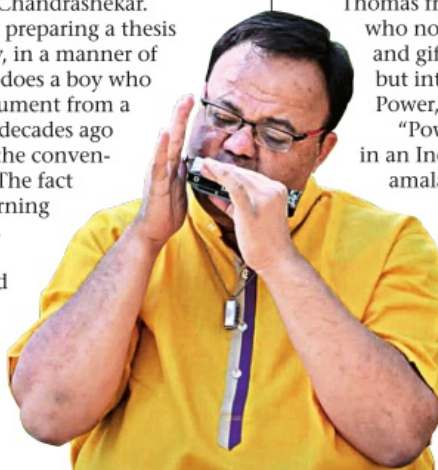
Harmonica is far more recognised now, thanks to initiatives of folks like Avinash Kulkarni and Kapilesh Kale who in 2008 started the Bangalore Harmonica club, which conducted the Bangalore Harmonica festival till about 2017. Social media has always played a vital role too from discussions on Orkut to folks making reels and today, it has in its own way contributed to the growth of harmonica.

"I personally think that most Indian harmonica players play Bollywood music and their regional music. Bollywood in a manner of speaking has held this together," says Chandrashekar.

A kudos to Chandrashekar and the likes of him who in their own way continue contributing to the melting pot of culture, we fondly call Bengaluru.



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Finish this flyover, before taking up other projects!

Koramangala residents wonder why Ejipura flyover project that is work-in-progress for 6 years is not moving along



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Residents of Koramangala along with MLA Ramalinga Reddy protested in front of Sony Signal against the slow-paced work of the Ejipura flyover. Previously, BBMP had announced that the flyover work will be restarted by February.

The construction of the never-ending project of the Ejipura flyover seems to be going nowhere. After Simplex Infrastructure Ltd turned bankrupt and the contract was cancelled, BBMP failed to retender the project. Since starting the work in 2017, the project has been in progress for six years. After a recent protest held by the residents a month

ago, BBMP announced that the work will be completed by 2024. Now, citizens demand that BBMP finish the work.

Ramalinga Reddy told BM, "The foundation stone was laid in 2017 and work was started in 2018. From 2018-2019, there was 32 per cent progress, and further from 2019-2023, the progress has been just 10 per cent. As per the High Court directive, the tender was cancelled and retendered. Tenders were called three times but have failed to finalise. If the tender process is not successful, BBMP should take up the work and complete it. In case the Chief Minister lays a new foundation stone for other flyovers, we will be protesting against it. We want the flyover work to be completed before undertaking new projects."

A resident of the area, Rajendra Babu, President of ST Bed Layout,

said, "The flyover construction has been ongoing for the past six years now. The work on the flyover connecting East Bengaluru to South has been inconveniencing residents. Last month, we met BBMP officials to discuss the issue and were promised that work will be started by February. We want the flyover to be completed as fast as possible."

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Another resident of Koramangala, Raghu Rajagopal, said, "Our demand is that the tender process be completed and work be restarted. We want the intervention of the CM. We want the CM to task the flyover with capable agencies already working on flyovers and complete the work on deadline."

BBMP officials said that they are facing issues with re-contracting. "Contractors are not applying for the tender. For one of the tenders, the contractor was not willing to negotiate and so it failed. After the Committee, one tender was floated and we needed to retender. We will float another tender and finalise it," said BBMP Chief Engineer (Projects) Vinayak Sugur.

The 2.5-km-long flyover was estimated at a project cost of Rs 240 crore but the remaining works are estimated to be worth Rs 141.6 crore.

'Zero deaths due to manual scavenging in 2022'

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of safety gear and 13 types of machines. While it prohibits cleaning sewers manually, it leaves five instances where it is permitted.

Officials of Karnataka State Commission for Safai Karamcharis said that the BWSSB, that has been authorised to clean sewers, tanks, and STPs, takes up work in a safe manner and deaths happen due to the illegal private contractors in the state. A senior official from the organisation said, "These private contractors are operating illegally and can be booked under non-bailable offences. However, there is no active crackdown."

To identify the number of workers engaged as safai karamcharis, the organisation held surveys between 2013 and 2015. They identified 5,050 people across 12 districts, and 1,672 people from 18 districts in another survey (2020). As per official figures, there are 6,722 safai karamcharis in the state, but the actual number is likely to be higher.

The Act also prohibits the construction of insanitary latrines and expects the local body to publish a survey of insanitary latrines so that they be demolished/converted to sanitary latrines. Insanitary latrines are those that require manual cleaning of human excreta.

Siddharth KJ from Safai Karmachari Kavalu Samithi said, "Deaths due to manual scavenging is one of the extreme cases. Deaths might have reduced due to awareness, but the practice continues. Some technological interventions have also helped in preventing deaths, but non-fatal incidents keep surfacing."

He said the responsibility of maintaining the system lies with the government and blame cannot be shifted to private contractors. "Even in the recent incident in Konanakunte Cross, the STPs in the apartment have been established as per government mandates, but there are no rules on who has to clean it. This might be the seventh case of STP-related deaths. There are over 30,000 STPs in Bengaluru and fatalities are rare," he added.

One big push towards tackling anaemia

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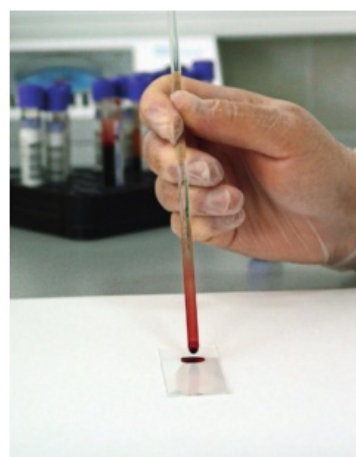
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In the state budget announced on Friday, the Karnataka government announced the implementation of the Arogya Pushti Yojane scheme in the health sector to eradicate anaemia. The experts pointed out that this move and focus budgeted at Rs 100 crore by the government to reduce the cases of anaemia will help women and children at large.

According to the National Family Health Survey-5 (NFHS 2020-2021), over 65.5 per cent children between 6-59 months in Karnataka are anaemic.

Under this group, over 28 per cent infants were mildly anaemic, 35 per cent children were moderately anaemic, and three per cent children had severe anaemia. The overall prevalence of anaemia in children increased from 61 percent in NFHS-4. Among women, 48 per cent of them had anaemia which also showed a 3 per cent increase in comparison to the NFHS -4 survey.

Iron deficiency is the primary cause of anaemia. The Government of India had launched the Anaemia Mukta Bharat (AMB) strategy with the target to reduce anaemia in the vulnerable age groups such as women, children and adolescents; however, it



hasn't reduced at large.

It was declared in the state budget that the Rs 100 crore sanctioned for the scheme will be to carry out tests, treatment, public awareness, training under the scheme to eradicate anaemia and malnutrition amongst neonates, children, pregnant mothers, lactating mothers, women of reproductive age and adolescents.

"The messaging should be scientific and should include liver and red meat as part of the advice. Promoting only fruits and vegetables and iron tablets are not a long term or effective strategy to reduce anaemia. This intervention should go along with subsidizing meat, lifting the cattle slaugh-

ter ban and serious commitment by the state to stop targeting meat and meat eaters as has been consistently happening the last few years," said Dr Sylvia K, public health expert.

Dr Anoop P, Senior Consultant - Haematology, Paediatric Haematology and Transplant Physician, Aster CMI Hospital, Bangalore added that as per WHO reports, the prevalence of anaemia in lower and middle-income countries is grossly underestimated. Most of it occur in children and vulnerable population including pregnant women and lactating mothers. With testing, awareness and interventions, anaemia-related problems can be tackled effectively.



In the mood for salmon?

These recipes – luxury on a plate – are the perfect excuse to pamper yourself when feeling blue

SMOKED SALMON RILLETTE, CUCUMBER ON CROISSANT

INGREDIENTS

- vermouth: 150ml
- ½ onion, sliced
- lemon juice, plus a squeeze: 2 tbsp
- parsley, stalks only (use the leaves below): small bunch
- black peppercorns: 8
- salmon fillet: 200g
- smoked salmon, cut into small shreds: 125g
- butter, melted: 30g
- chopped chives: 1 tbsp
- Vertically sliced croissant
- For the caper crème fraîche
- crème fraîche: 200g
- finely chopped parsley and chives: 2 tbsp
- capers, rinsed of salt or brine: 2 tbsp

- shallot, finely chopped: 1 small
- extra virgin olive oil: 1 tbsp
- lemon juice: to taste

METHOD

- Put the vermouth, onion, lemon juice, parsley stalks and peppercorns in a saucepan with 150ml water and bring to the boil. Simmer for 10 mins. Turn the heat down to a very gentle simmer, add the salmon fillet and poach for 4 mins. Let the salmon sit and cool in the liquid.
- Lift the salmon out of its poaching liquid, remove the skin and flake the flesh roughly. Mix the flesh with the smoked salmon, a good

squeeze of lemon, the butter, chives and some pepper. Tip into a bowl, cover and put in the fridge (be sure to bring it back to room temperature to serve).

- Meanwhile, slice the croissant vertically, peel, core and slice the cucumber into thin slices.
- Mix the crème fraîche with the herbs, capers, shallot, and oil and lemon juice to taste.
- Assemble by placing slices of cucumber the way you wish to, then may be a quenelle of the rilletes and garnish with capers and parsley sprigs. Bon appetit.

SMOKED SALMON CRÈME BRÛLÉE

INGREDIENTS

- heavy cream: 3 cups
- egg yolks, room temperature: 6
- coarse sea salt: 1 ½–2 tsp
- Norwegian Smoked Salmon (chopped): 150 gm
- Spring Onion Greens: 60 gm
- Egg Whites: 2
- Salt and crushed black pepper to taste

METHOD

- Preheat the oven to 325°. In a medium saucepan, simmer the cream over medium heat until the surface begins to shimmer. Set a vessel of water on to boil. Boil the heavy cream in another pan.
- In a large heatproof bowl, whisk the egg yolks until well blended and they just start to lighten in color. Slowly add the hot cream mixture, whisking continually.
- Arrange ramekins in a roasting pan. Coat with non-stick spray or any fat medium. Fill in the chopped smoked salmon. Add the chopped spring onions and seasoning to the custard. Slowly pour the custard over top.
- Set the roasting pan in the center of the oven and carefully pour in enough hot water to reach halfway up the sides of the ramekins. Bake for 22–25 minutes, or until the custard is firm at the edges, but still trembling in the center.
- Transfer the pan to a wire rack to cool. Remove ramekins, drain off water from pan then return dishes to roasting pan. Can be made to this point up to one day ahead: cover and keep aside.
- Meanwhile add a pinch of salt to the egg whites and beat till achieving peak stage. Spread it evenly over the Brûlée. Torch it with a lighter till evenly browned.
- Garnish with more smoked salmon, spring onions and some cracked pepper.
- Suggested to enjoy it warm. Bon appetit.

Prep Time: 20 mins
Cooking Time: 30
Serves 4

Prep Time: 15 mins
Cooking Time: 10
Serves 3



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2 Do I have Phimosis? My penis foreskin is tight and does not pull back. It does not pain, but I am worried.

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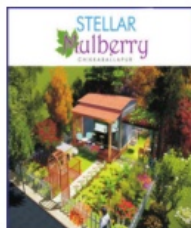
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Sense of scale: Pangolin trafficking

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continuous process, eternal vigilance is the key factor in controlling hunting and restricting wildlife trade by tracking smugglers and kingpins. However, senior officials' limited field connection remains a cause of concern.

"During the three-decade period after the enactment of the Wildlife Act in 1972, field formations, with able leadership and support of senior officers recovered several areas from the brink, and that too without large financial budgets. However, there has been a clear mission drift ever since, leading to a lack of 'ground connect'. Moreover, competent staff are not getting the right postings due to the sordid transfer system where merit has no place," said Praveen Bhargav, trustee, Wildlife First and former member of National Board for Wildlife.

Pangolins in India are listed under Schedule I species of the Wildlife

(Protection) Act, 1972, thus banning their hunting, trade, or any other form of utilisation of the species or their body parts/derivatives.

Wildlife activists BM spoke to said the fight to stop the pangolin trade is tricky and difficult due to several reasons. However, the data showed that Karnataka is at least recognising the issue, to begin with.

Odisha reported the highest number of seizures of pangolin scales with 30 incidents, followed closely by 26 incidents in Madhya Pradesh. Pangolin scales equating to 129 pangolins were seized in Karnataka

"Pangolins are nocturnal and shy animals, and the crime scene is missing in most trafficking cases. They are easy to handle. The animal does not even bite and is harmless. The forest department has to step up to put a check on this illegal trade. So far, I have witnessed only one incident of pangolin trafficking in Karnataka whereby the crime scene and modus operandi were established. While the issue is being recognised in the state, more needs to be done," said Sharath Babu, a wildlife activist.

Forest dept needs to pull up socks

Conservationists highlighted that it is not just pangolins facing the issue; other wildlife species are also threatened by illegal trade.

"As per Interpol's estimate, the global illegal wildlife trade is worth about \$20 billion and is second only to narcotics. The only strategy that can be adopted to stop it is active

patrolling and protecting areas of notified wildlife reserves. An active mechanism involving both police and forest department to track the illegal trade and initiate prosecution against the traffickers is essential," said a city based conservationist.

Experts pointed out that protection and prosecution are no longer the priority of the forest department and with ballooning budgets, the focus is on civil construction and earthmoving, rather than conservation. Notably, a large number of wildlife crime cases are pending investigation across the state.

"Some officers, instead of acting against such mafias, have made it their mission to chase and harass even those NGOs, researchers, and activists who seek to share information of wildlife crime, and threaten them with cases. Unless the head of the forest force and the chief wildlife warden conduct a high-level review and issue strong instructions to park wardens to

refocus on protection and work constructively, other endangered species are going to face the same fate as pangolins," added Bhargav.

India scenario

As per the report, 1,203 pangolins were involved in the illegal wildlife trade from 2018-2022 in the country. Over 880 kg of pangolin derivatives and 199 live pangolins were reported in 342 seizure incidents in the five years.

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Live pangolins represented 50% of the seizures and accounted for 199 animals. Most reported seizure incidents and the number of live pangolins were from Odisha (45 incidents and 50 pangolins), followed by Maharashtra (27 incidents and 32 pangolins).

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1 wedding, 2 planners & case of missing cash

This film revolves around two wedding planners who bicker at the drop of a hat. It starts off with two nurses quarrelling for a cradle at a maternity hospital where Sanjay and Leela are born. Their parents are friends, so Sanjay (Preetham) and Leela (Lakshya) grow up together, go to the same school and tuition.

After graduation, Sanjay (Anjan A Bharadwaj) and Leela (Disha Ramesh) become wedding planners, and they set up offices on the same floor of a building. They get a chance to organise the wedding for Siri, daughter of a ruling party leader (Sunder Veena) and Lambodara, son of an opposition leader (Rajesh Nataranga). They do all they can to make the wedding a success but Assistant Commissioner of Police Thrilok Kumar (Bala Rajwadi) appears on the scene.

Now, the politicians find that Rs 100 crore meant for the wedding was missing. The wedding gets cancelled. What is the story of Rs 100 crore, who got the money and how they got it, is what the movie is about.

Debutante director Sourabh Kulkarni succeeds in handling so many actors. The movie could have been

SLV: SIRI LAMBODARA VIVAHA

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RATING



- **DIRECTOR** Sourabh Kulkarni
- **ACTORS** Anjan A Bharadwaj, Disha Ramesh, Rajesh Nataranga, Sunder Veena, Bala Rajwadi, Rihot Nagesh
- **CERTIFICATION** U/A
- **DURATION** 120 minutes

even better had the director ensured that the script was interesting and the screenplay crisp. The scene where gunny bags filled with cash are dumped on a roadside is far from convincing.

As far as the performance of the actors, Anjan has tried his best to meet the director's expectations but he has to go a long way if he wants to continue acting. Disha, the daughter of veteran character actor Mandya Ramesh, has acted well. Sunder Veena and Rajesh Nataranga are convincing as greedy and corrupt politicians who can go to any extent to convert black money into white. Raja Balwadi provides good support. Songs are good and music by Sangharsh Kumar is passable.

It is a worth a watch for those who want to know about wedding planners and the nitty gritty of money laundering.

—Y Maheswara Reddy

The thrill is gone

Hollywood actor Ana de Armas, who recently portrayed Marilyn Monroe in 'Blonde', seems to resonate with the sentiment that the term 'movie star' is dead.

According to Variety, the Oscar nominee was recently asked about the

state of movie stardom by Vanity Fair.

She said that movie stars no longer exist for younger generations because of social media. "I feel like the new generations don't have that concept, because of



social media," de Armas said.

"There is so much information out there and oversharing. The concept of a movie star is someone untouchable you only see onscreen. That mystery is gone. For the most part, we've done that to ourselves," reported Variety.

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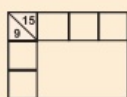
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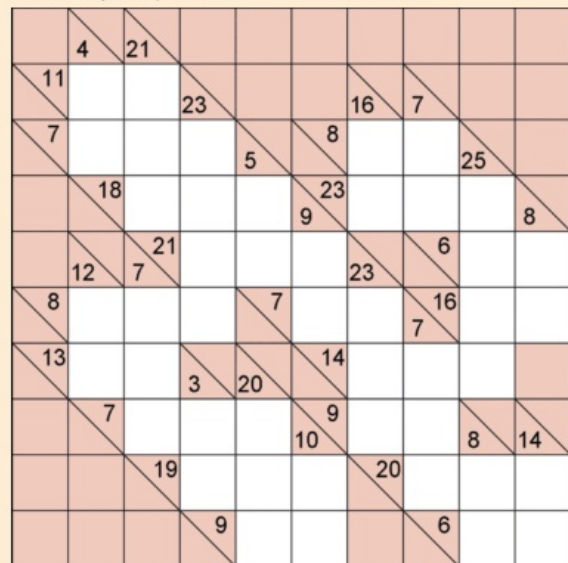
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas

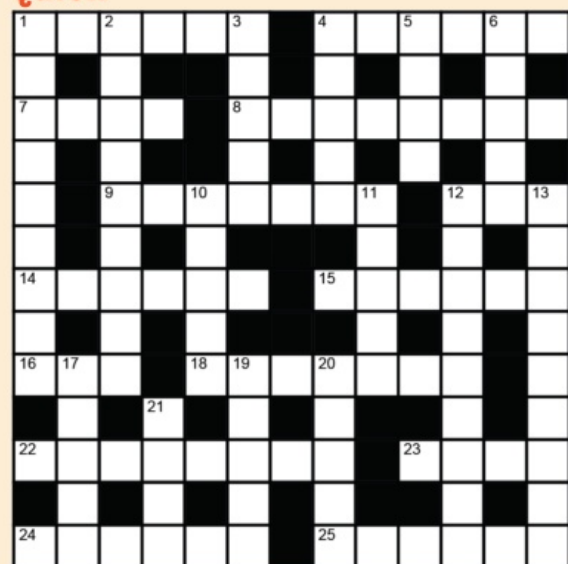


for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



Quick



ACROSS

- 1 Not private or secret? (6)
- 4 Withdraw a promise (6)
- 7 Musical work (4)
- 8 Invested in holy order (8)
- 9 Speaking (7)
- 12 Wield vigorously (3)
- 14 Bangalore's favourite beverage (6)
- 15 Having the skin of a lighter colour, comparatively speaking? (6)
- 16 Suffer (3)
- 18 Flexible (7)
- 22 Was partial to (8)
- 23 Japanese mountain (4)
- 24 Autographed (6)
- 25 Narrow escape (6)

DOWN

- 1 Ancient land of coastal Lebanon and Syria (9)
- 2 Given or giving freely (9)
- 3 A timepiece (5)
- 4 Radioactive inert gas (5)
- 5 Concealing headpiece (4)
- 6 Rest on the knees (5)
- 10 Feudal lord (5)
- 11 Hard work (5)
- 12 Skydive (9)
- 13 Standard for comparison (9)
- 17 A man from Teheran? (5)
- 19 Sensational (5)
- 20 Take ____ : be partial? (5)
- 21 Sported (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: H EQUALS S
VMQ YJHV RYSJKVLDV HRDFGQ
RDFKQPRQDV RD VMQ WJKY-
AGL JW HAXXQHH RH ODJGRDF
MJC VJ FQV LGJDF CRVM
SQJSGQ.



Linemaro

If god many anything better than you, he kept it for himself



Mindchow

In this very breath that we take now lies the secret that all great teachers try to tell us



Joke of the day

When I'm finally holding all the cards, why does everyone want to play chess?

Loop

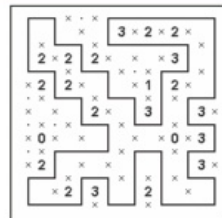
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

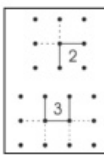
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) - Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

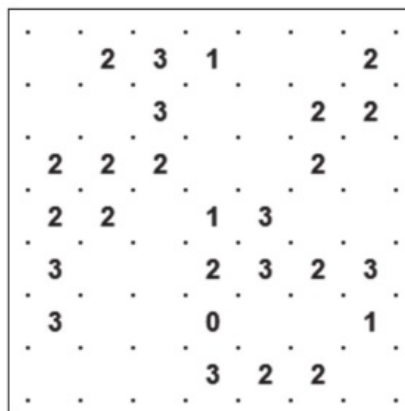
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



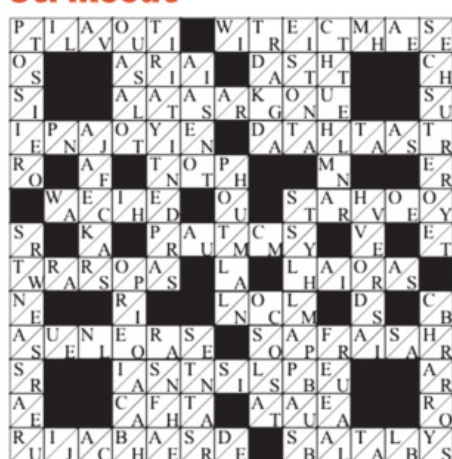
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



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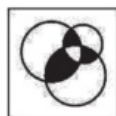
- 1 Fab at; 6 Credo;
- 7 Lutra; 8 Gloss;
- 9 Troys

DOWN

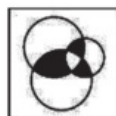
- 1 A stud; 2 By ell;
- 3 Croat; 4 Or Fog;
- 5 Stars

Mensapuzzle

Which is the odd one out?



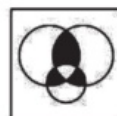
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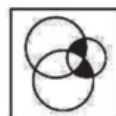
B



C



D



E



Bull's eye

How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

05 Average; 06 Good; 08 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge



To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy

□ □ □ □ □ = 4

6 8 9 9

Medium

□ □ □ □ □ = 20

1 2 3 5

Hard

□ □ □ □ □ = 7

1 4 8 3

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Foot is moved. 2. Leaf is longer. 3. Door knob is lower. 4. Bow tie is missing. 5. Hat is larger. 6. Briefcase is moved.

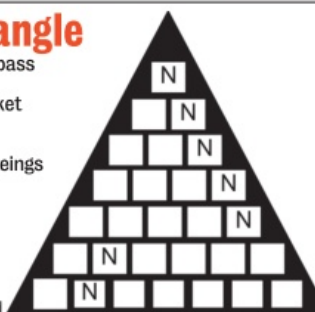
Riddler

Some people's names (such as "Will Power") suggest a certain personality or career choice. Given below are some last names and professions (in no particular order). For each last name, your task is to think of a common first name, such that it suggests one of the given professions. Each last name and profession must be used just once. Example: Sonny Day would suggest a meteorologist. Last Names: Ding, Flay, King, Lynn, Payne, Peace Professions: Musician, Author, Chef, Comedian, Architect, Politician

Alpha triangle

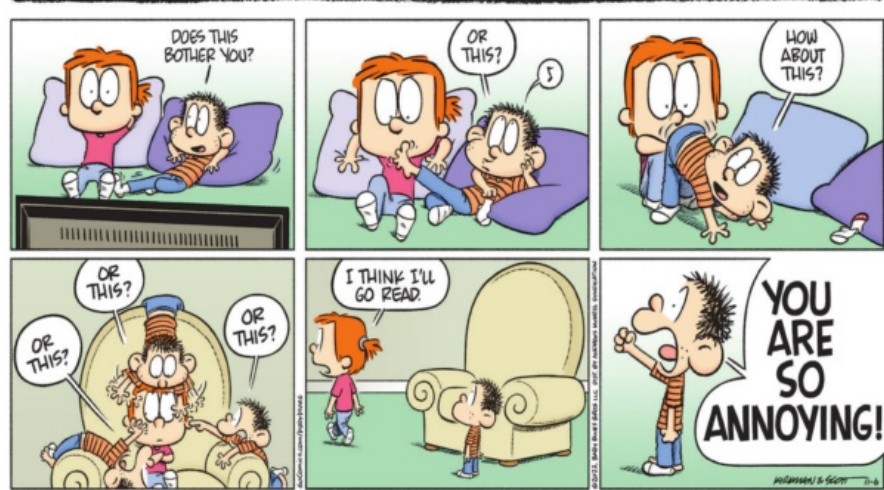
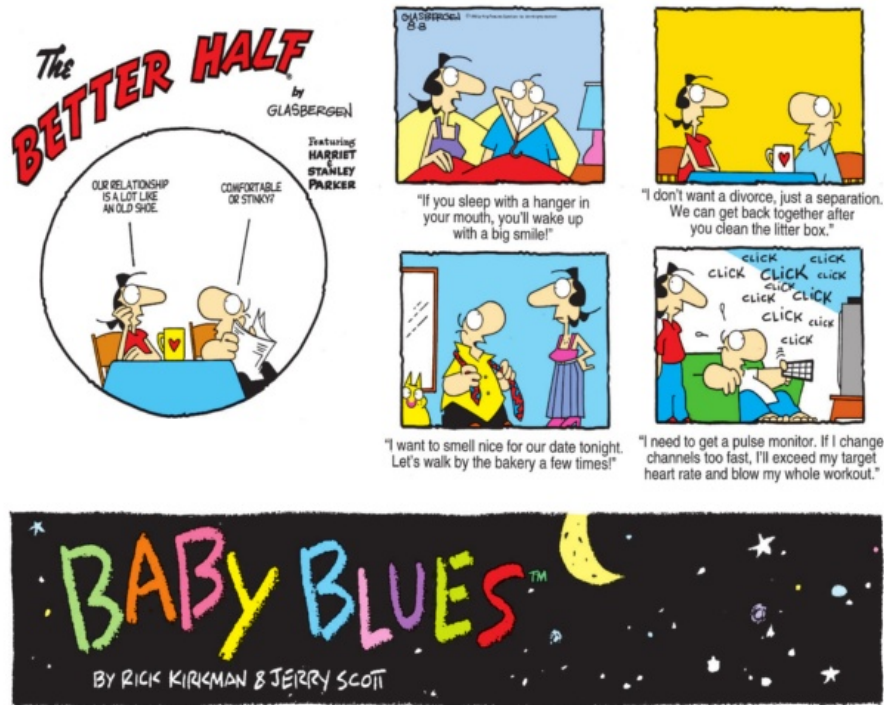
- 1 North on the compass
- 2 In Cannes
- 3 Sir Hutton of cricket
- 4 Valley
- 5 Collect bit by bit
- 6 Celestial winged beings
- 7 Fishermen

Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be



made at each step answering to the clue given.

COMICS



WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 - Apr 20

Today you may be very happy. You will be busy at work. Your seniors may be happy and will appreciate your work. You are likely to see some changes in your place, position, or responsibilities at work in terms of promotions. Your opponents and hidden enemies may be under control now. Singles and lovebirds may take important decisions in terms of marriage with the help of relatives or friends.

**Leo** Jul 24 - Aug 23

Today you are blessed by the positive moon. You may feel healthy as old health issues may be cured now. Money that was stuck somewhere is likely to be recovered now. You may also apply for a loan for buying some items related to luxury.

**Sagittarius** Nov 23 - Dec 22

Today is a good day. Your financial health is likely to be good. You may get benefits from your past investments. You may have control over your expenditure on worthless stuff, which may boost your savings. Love birds are advised to be polite in conversation with their partner, otherwise there may be some conflicts between them.

**Taurus** Apr 21 - May 20

Today things are under control. You are blessed by the moon. You may re-initiate your postponed projects. You may be rewarded for your hard work. There are some gains in your business, which may boost your finances. You may spend money on artefacts or literature. You may also plan for an overseas trip.

**Virgo** Aug 24 - Sep 23

Today you may feel very dull. It can make you lazy and careless. You are likely to be unfocused at work and impatience may pull you down negatively. The health of your family members can make you upset. You should avoid investments in assets. Lovebirds should avoid making arguments in family matters.

**Capricorn** Dec 23 - Jan 20

Today you are blessed by the moon and it is a good day for you. You have good vitality and energy. You may enjoy it at work. You may also enjoy romantic moments with your spouse, which may improve your family harmony. You are likely to make new plans to start a new project. Your perfectionism may help you design the flow chart. Job aspirants will find a good job.

**Gemini** May 21 - Jun 21

Today, you may be busy with family issues, you may explore extra sources of income. You might take an interest in artefacts, movies, and glamour which can improve your creativity. Lovebirds have a clear view in terms of their relationship. Students may now work on their career.

**Libra** Sep 24 - Oct 22

Today you may find negative vibrations around you, which can make you unhappy. You are advised to avoid making investments on worthless assets. Your friends are not likely to be supportive today. You should not expect more from them in terms of help, otherwise it can make you more upset. You are advised to follow your intuition before taking important decisions today.

**Aquarius** Jan 21 - Feb 19

Today you may be disappointed. You are advised to control your arrogance, otherwise you may face some losses due to your speaking to other people. Lovebirds should be careful in their discussions, otherwise their relationship may be affected.

**Cancer** Jun 22 - July 23

Today you may not feel well due to health issues. This may affect your professional and domestic life. You are likely to be upset due to your spouses' health issues. Your patience may be tested many times. You are advised not to make investments in new business projects, otherwise you may face losses. Students are advised to avoid fantasy and work hard on their studies.

**Scorpio** Oct 23 - Nov 22

Today you may be able to implement business plans successfully with support from your subordinates. You may be involved in some social or family get together, which can boost your network. You are likely to go for short business-related trips, which may give you benefits in the near future.

**Pisces** Feb 20 - Mar 20

Today you are blessed by the moon and new sources of income are likely to open up. Your past investments will now start paying in terms of profits. Your losses will convert to profits, which will boost your financial health. Health issues related to your parents may be resolved.



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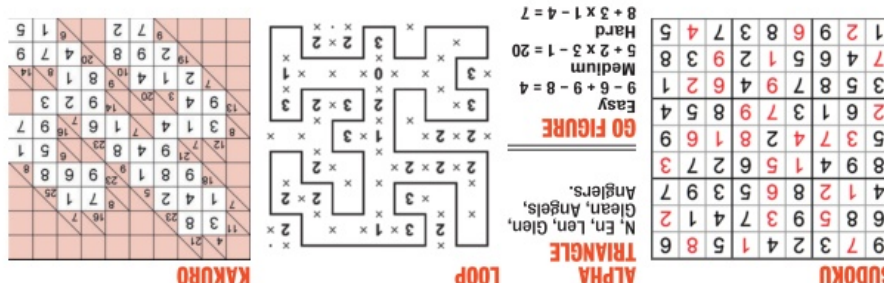
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SOLUTIONS





How Nargis deals with sexual harassment in the industry

She SETS boundaries

Over a decade ago Nargis Fakhri marked her debut in front of the camera with Imtiaz Ali's 'Rockstar', wherein she romanced Ranbir Kapoor. Speaking about her journey in films, the actress recently opened up about dealing with the ups and downs in the industry.

Speaking about facing sexual harassment, Nargis Fakhri told Zoom, "I do not judge other people,

everybody's gotta do what they gotta do. They say it is the survival of the fittest but I am not the type of person who is so hungry that they would do anything. That's for my own mental health. I know who I am and I want to be happy with myself and feel good about myself. And there is nothing more important than taking care of me and my mental health and my physical health. When it comes to work stuff, yes we encounter different

types of people. I actually was very lucky, I didn't have as horrible stories as maybe some other people. But you know, there's people flirting, or like insisting or being a little extra. And for me, I am like I am just going to lock myself in my house. I just get away from everybody because no human is really well equipped for encounters of that sort. I try to keep myself away from all of that. I know how to have a boundary."

The actress was recently seen in 'Shiv Shastri Balboa', co-starring Anupam Kher and Neena Gupta.

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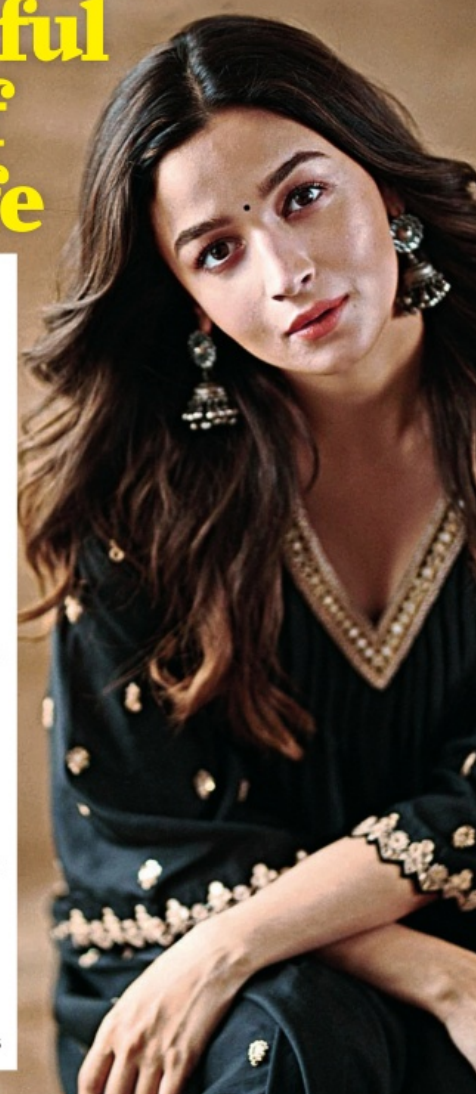
Wonderful phase of Alia's life

Alia Bhatt, who welcomed her daughter Raha last year with her husband Ranbir Kapoor, recently opened up about embracing motherhood.

When asked if she has been facing any challenges or difficulties while donning her new role, Alia said that she wouldn't use the words challenging and difficult. When someone asks her about being a mom, all she can think about it is beautiful sunlight, starlight, sunshine and love. According to her, she is a big ball of love. She has so much love in her heart and soul. It's the most beautiful phase of her life, Alia told Money Control.

Elaborating further, Alia feels that you just have to keep going and keep learning. Calling herself a serial learner, the actress added that she wants to learn and doesn't want to stop at what my understanding is. According to her, she doesn't believe that she knows it all and she doesn't believe that she has all the answers.

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Next question please

Aditi Rao Hydari recently opened up about her dating rumours with actor Siddharth. The reports of the actors dating have been doing the rounds in the media for quite some time now.

Recently, during the trailer release of her upcoming film, 'Taj', she was asked about the same. However, the actress dodged the question and said that she is starving right now so she will just go and eat.

Recently, the rumoured lovebirds made their public appearance together at Telugu star Sharwanand's engagement. They even posed for photos. The pictures once again sparked dating rumours and fans speculated where they would make their relationship official soon.

Siddharth had even shared a photo on social media in which he was spotted wearing a t-shirt. Fans were quick to recognise that Aditi too had previously worn the same tee. The actor also shared a sweet post on social media on Aditi's birthday.

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